

REMARKS

The Office Action of February 14, 2003 and the references cited therein have been carefully considered. The indication that claims 3-5, 7, 10, 13-15, 20 and 28-31 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the formal rejections of the claims, and to include all of the limitations of the claim or claims from which they depend, has been noted with appreciation.

The withdrawal of claims 16-19 and 32-65 from further consideration as being drawn to an non-elected invention likewise has been noted.

In this Amendment, the application, including the drawings, the specification and the Abstract have been amended to overcome each of the informalities pointed out by the Examiner in the last Office Action, as well as others noted upon a review of the application. Additionally, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 7 which was indicated by the Examiner to be allowable.

With regard to the drawings, the figures have been amended to correct each of the informalities pointed out in paragraphs 4-7 on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action. No amendment with regard to the objection in paragraph 8 has been made since the term "door" has been deleted from claim 31, thus rendering this objection moot. Accordingly, in view of the above amendments, it is submitted that the objections to the drawings found in paragraphs 4-7 are no longer warranted and should be withdrawn. Corrected formal drawings incorporating these changes will be filed upon approval thereof.

The specification has been amended by providing proper titles as required in

paragraph 10 and to overcome each of the informalities courteously pointed out by the Examiner in paragraph 11 of the Office Action. Accordingly, it is submitted that the specification as now amended fully complies with 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, and accordingly the objections found in paragraphs 10 and 11 should be withdrawn.

Claims 11 and 12 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's formal objection thereto found in paragraph 14.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-15 and 20-31 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite is respectfully requested. The claims have been amended to address and correct each of the objections raised by the Examiner, as well as others noted upon a review of the application. Moreover, the numerals have been deleted from the claims and the Examiner's numerous suggestions for changes have been noted with appreciation. In any case, in view of the above amendments, it is submitted that this ground of rejection is no longer warranted and should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 11-12 and 21-26 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the patent to Ojima, et al has been noted. In view of the amendment of claim 1, from which each of the other claims depends, to include the limitations of claim 7, which was indicated as being allowable, it is submitted that this ground of rejection is now moot and need not be discussed. The same is true with regard to the rejection of claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the patent to Ojima, et al in view of the German reference '966.

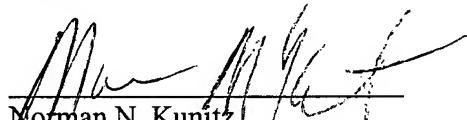
In view of the above amendments, it is submitted that each of the claims acted on by the Examiner, i.e., claims 1-6, 8-15 and 20-31 is now in condition for allowance. Moreover,

it is submitted that claim 7 was generic, so that claim 1 is also still generic, and accordingly the allowance of withdrawn claims 16-19 dependent on claim 1 is likewise respectfully requested. Therefore, the passing of this application to issue with at least claims 1-6 and 8-31 is respectfully requested.

A request for the necessary extension in the period for filing this response, as well as a check in payment of the applicable extension fee are attached.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that the prosecution of the application would be advanced by a personal interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone undersigned counsel and arrange for such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

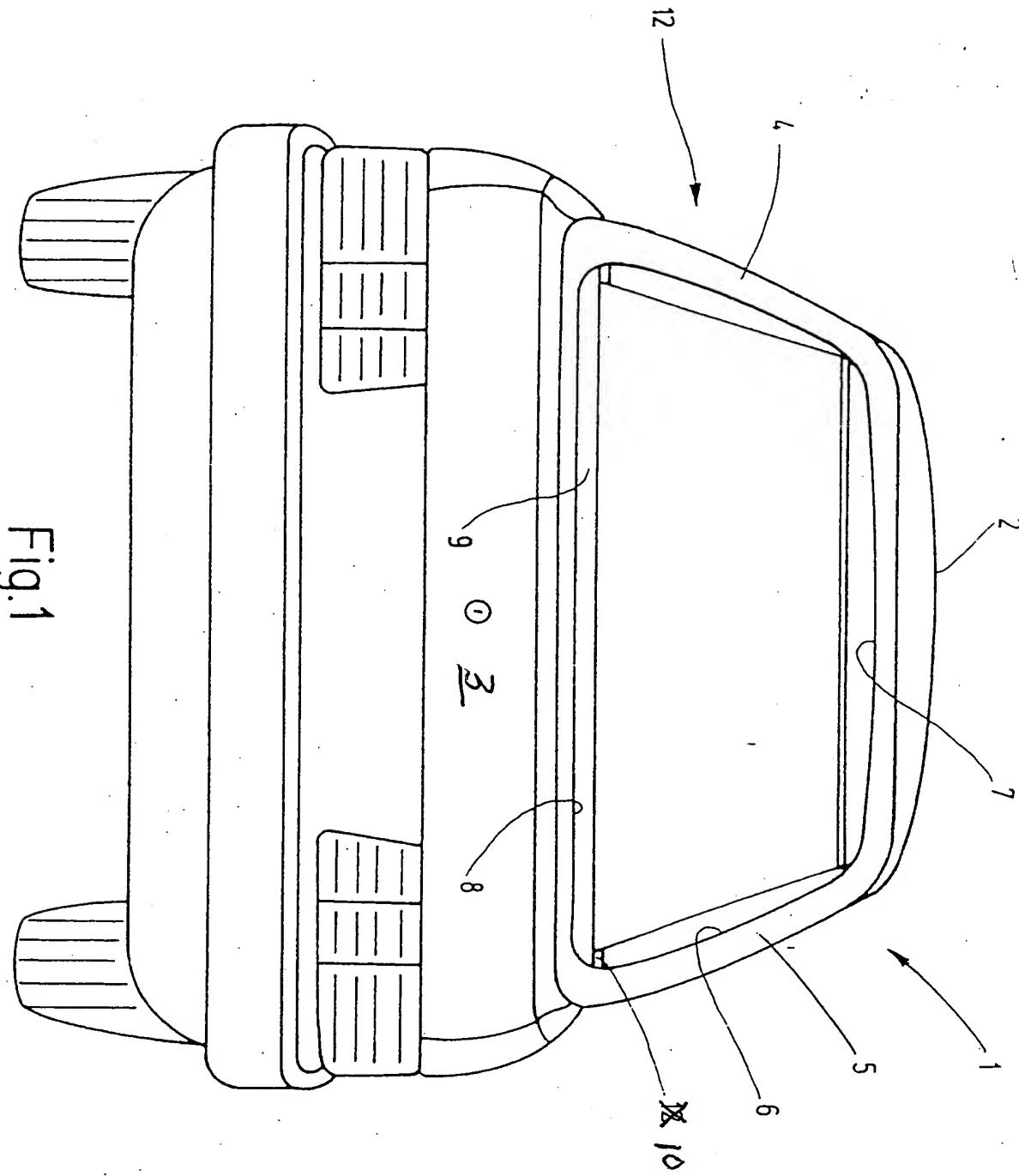


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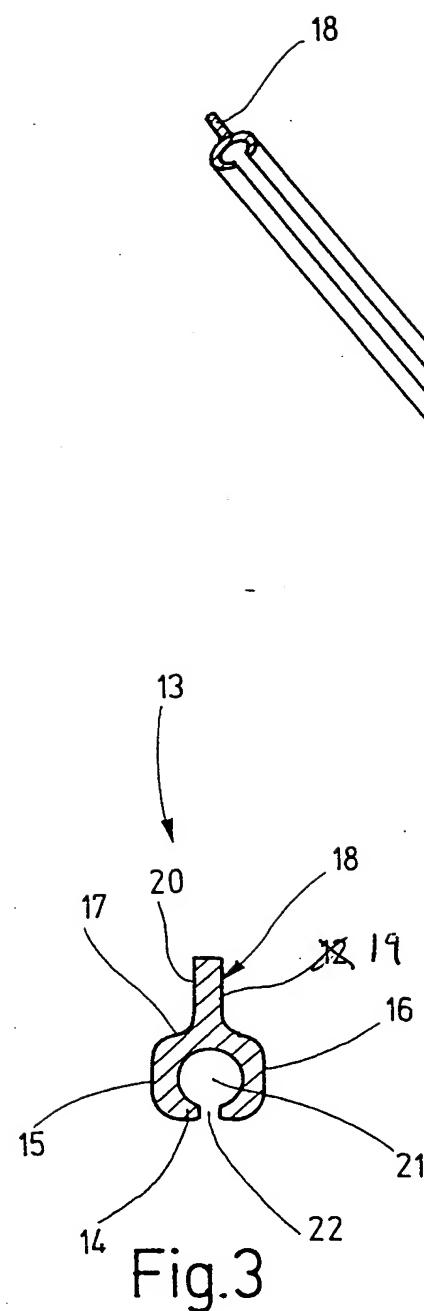


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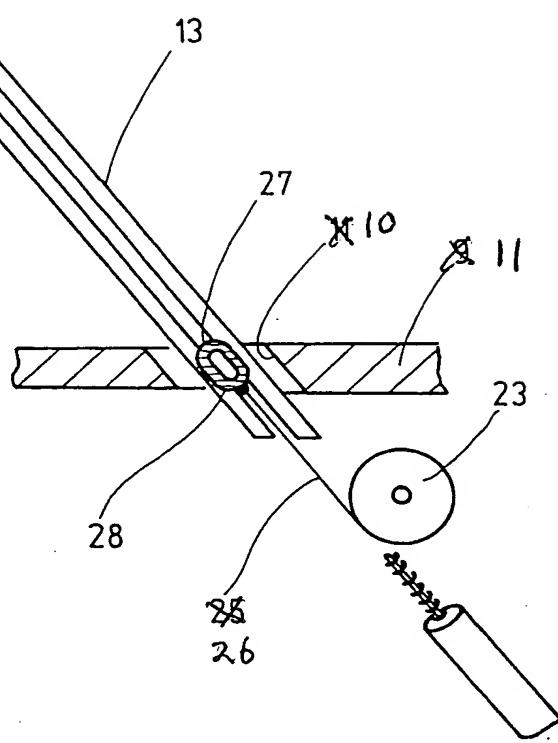


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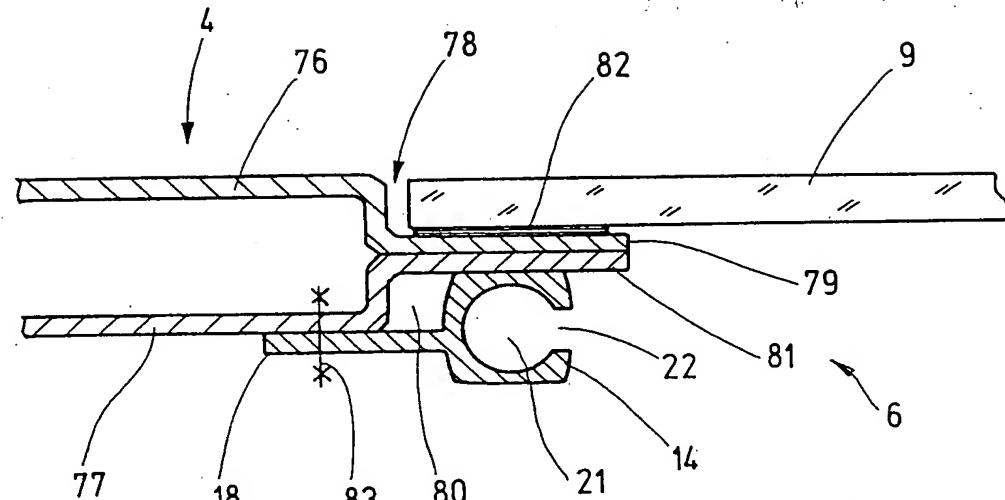


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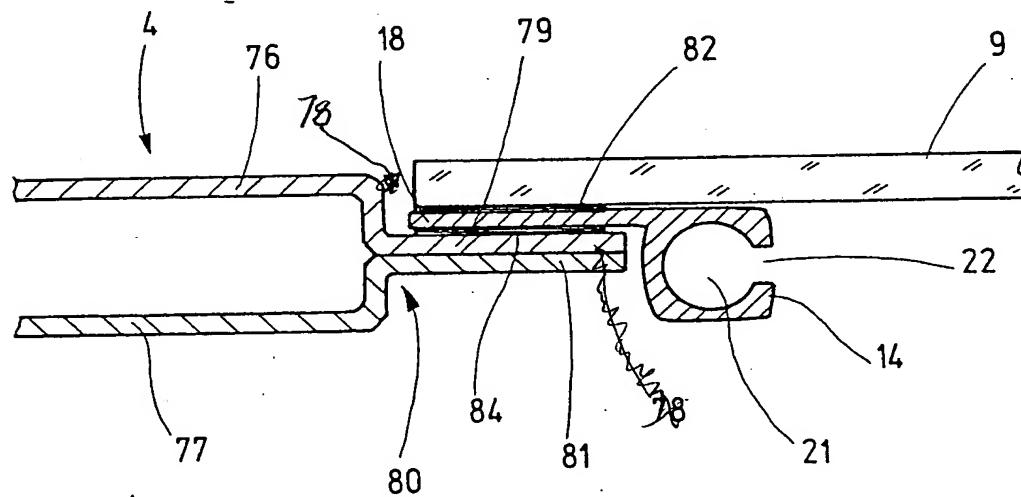


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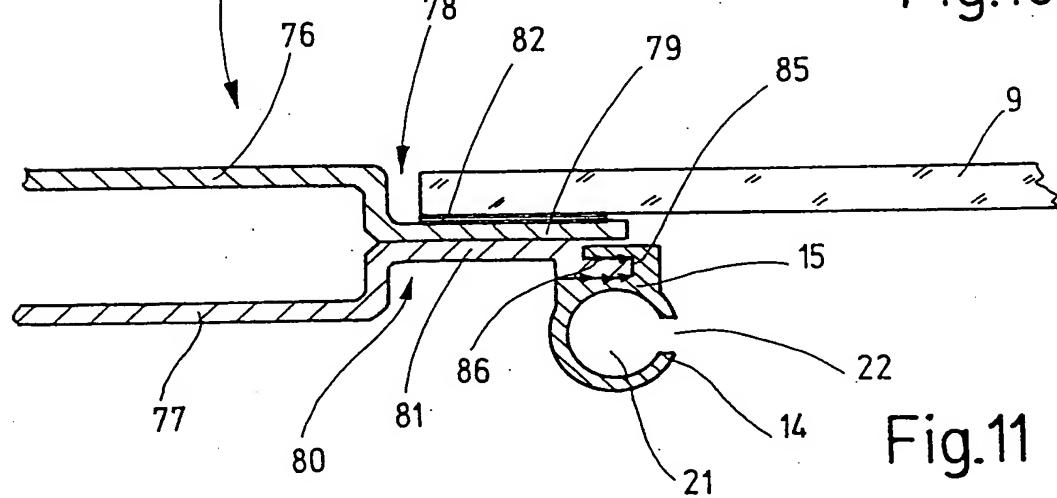


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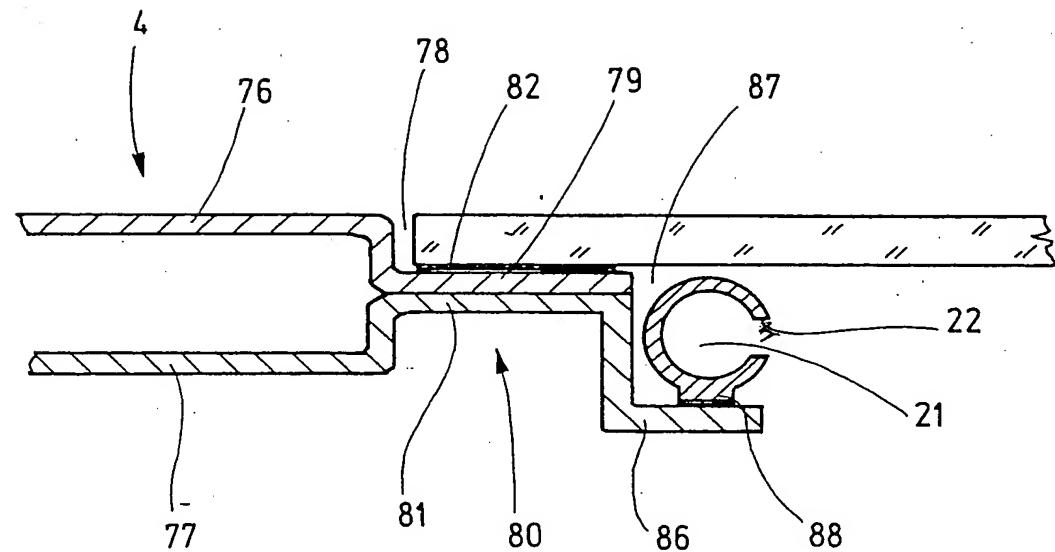


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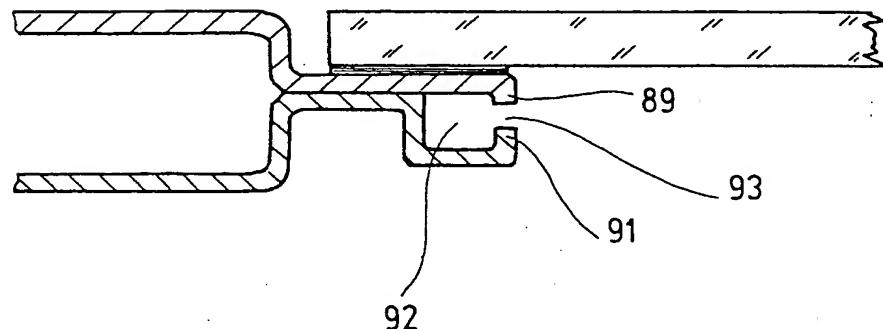


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